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SUBJECT: SPD AND FDP FRAKTION LEADERS VISIT EAST BERLIN

- 1. ACCORDING ADN, CHAIRMAN OF SPD FRAKTION IN BUNDESTAG, HERBERT WEHNER, ARRIVED IN "CAPITAL OF GDR, BERLIN" ON MAY 30 AT INVITATION OF SED FRAKTION IN GDR VOLKSKAMMER. HE WAS GREETED AT ARRIVAL BY SED DEPUTY FRAKTION CHAIRMAN, SORGENICHT (EBERT, WHO IS CHAIRMAN, APPARARENTLY STILL ILL -- BERLIN 837). SAME EVENING, SORGENICHT GAVE DINNER FOR WEHNER, WHICH WAS ALSO ATTENDED BY OF ALL OTHER VOLKSKAMMER PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS. ADN ANNOUNCEMENT, WHICH-- TOGETHER WITH PHOTO-- WAS FRONT- PAGED IN MAY 31 NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, PROVIDES NO CLUE REGARDING PURPOSE OR PROPOSED DURATION OF VISIT.
- 2. WEHNER'S TRIP TO EAST BERLIN APPARENTLY TOOK MANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BY SURPRISE. WEST BERLIN MDIA CLAIM THAT NEITHER BONN NOR WEST BERLIN SPD OFFICIAL SEEMED TO KNOW ABOUT IT IN ADVANCE. MYSTERY SURROUNDING THIS UNPRECEDENTED VISIT FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY FACT THAT, ALTHOUGH ADN MADE NO MENTION OF FPD FRAKTION CHAIRMAN, MISCHNIK, LATEST MDEIA REPORTS FROM BONN INDICATE HE ALSO NOW IN EAST BERLIN. GATHERING THUS SEEMS TO INCLUDE ALL BUDESTAG AND VOLKSKAMMER FRAKTION CHAIRMEN, WITH NOTABLE EXCEPTION OF CDU/ CSU REPRESENTATION. KLEIN

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